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C O N F I D E N T I A L NAIROBI 1744

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SUBJECT:KENYAN REACTION TO ETHIOPIAN DISTURBANCES

1. GOK HAS SO FAR REACTED CALMLY TO DEVELOPMENTS IN ETHIOPIA. MIN. DEF. GICHURU TOLD AMBASSADOR MORNING FEB.28 (BEFORE NEWS DISSIDENT TAKEOVER ADDIS REACHED NAIROBI) THAT HE DID NOT ANTICIPATE MAJOR TROUBLE IN ETHIOPIA.

2. EAST AFRICAN STANDARD IN MARCH 1 EDITORIAL SAID QTE WHAT HAS HAPPENED IN ETHIOPIA... IS TO BE DEPLORED BUT SHOULD NOT BE OVER-EXAGGERATED. AS NEWS IT IS IMPORTANT BUT IT IS NOT IN ANY SENSE A COUP. UNQTE.

3. ALTHOUGH LESSON ABOUT POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES OF MILITARY/POLICE PAY GRIEVANCES ULIKELY TO BE MISSED HERE EVENTUALLY, IT DOES NOT YET APPEAR TO HAVE REGISTERED FULLY ON MILITARY, WHICH KNOWLEDGEABLE BRITISH SOURCES DESCRIBE AS STRANGELY DISINTERESTED IN ETHIOPIAN DEVELOPMENTS AT MOMENT. MOREOVER, FACT THAT UNIVERSITY
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STUDENTS SENT HOME AND CAMPUS DESERTED (NAIROBI 1743)

REMOVES DANGER THAT DISTURBANCES IN THIS AREA MIGHT
TRIGGER PROBLEMS WITH MILITARY OR POLICE.
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